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ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA AND OTHER ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS

Annotated provisional agenda

The present document contains the provisional agenda for the substantive session of 1994 in section I and the annotations to the provisional agenda in section II.

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I. PROVISIONAL AGENDA

The provisional agenda for the substantive session of 1994 of the Council has been drawn up on the basis of the list of items approved by the Council at its organizational session for 1994 (decision 1994/203).

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   (c) Implementation of the agreed conclusions of the 1993 coordination segment of the Council relating to (i) the coordination of humanitarian assistance: emergency relief and the continuum to rehabilitation and development and (ii) coordination of the activities of the United Nations system in the fields of preventive action and intensification of the struggle against malaria and diarrhoeal diseases, in particular cholera.

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(b) Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Third Decade to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination;

(c) Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples by the specialized agencies and the international institutions associated with the United Nations;

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(h) Narcotic drugs;

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(j) Cultural development;

(k) United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees.

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(a) Sustainable development;

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(c) Trade and development;

(d) Food and agricultural development;

(e) Transnational corporations;

(f) Natural resources;

(g) Energy;

(h) Population questions;

(i) Statistics;

(j) Cartography;

(k) International cooperation to mitigate the environmental consequences on Kuwait and other countries in the region resulting from the situation between Iraq and Kuwait;

(l) Public administration and finance;

(m) Charter of Economic Rights and Duties of States.

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8. Permanent sovereignty over national resources in the occupied Palestinian and other Arab territories.

9. Coordination questions:

(a) Reports of the coordination bodies;

(b) International cooperation in the field of informatics;

(c) Multisectoral collaboration on tobacco or health.

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II. ANNOTATIONS

Item 1. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters

At its organizational session for 1994, the Council approved the provisional agenda for its substantive session (decision 1994/203).

In accordance with rule 12 of the rules of procedure of the Economic and Social Council (E/5715/Rev.2), should any proposals be submitted for the inclusion of supplementary items in the agenda, they will be circulated as soon as they are received, and a supplementary list of items will be issued as an addendum to the provisional agenda.

At its organizational session for 1994, the Economic and Social Council decided to consider at its substantive session of 1994, under agenda item 1, the question of the enlargement of the membership of the Executive Committee of the Programme of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (decision 1994/207).

Request by the World Health Organization for an advisory opinion from the International Court of Justice. The Director-General of the World Health Organization wishes to inform the Council, in accordance with article X, paragraph 4, of the Agreement between the United Nations and the World Health Organization of 1948, that he filed in the Registry of the Court on 3 September 1993 a request for an advisory opinion on the following question: "In view of the health and environmental effects, would the use of nuclear weapons by a State in war or other armed conflict be a breach of its obligations under international law, including the WHO Constitution?".

Documentation

Note verbale dated 28 June 1993 from the Permanent Representative of Bangladesh to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (E/1994/7)

Note verbale dated 23 December 1993 from the Permanent Mission of the Russian Federation to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (E/1994/8)

Note verbale dated 28 December 1993 from the Permanent Representative of India to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (E/1994/9)

Note verbale dated 12 January 1994 from the Director-General of the World Health Organization to the Secretary-General (E/1994/16)

High-level segment

Item 2. An agenda for development

At its forty-seventh session, the General Assembly, recalling the Charter of the United Nations, in particular the commitment to employ international

machinery for the promotion of the economic and social advancement of all peoples, requested the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its forty-eighth session, in consultation with Member States, a report on an agenda for development, taking fully into consideration the objectives and agreements on development adopted by the Assembly, containing an analysis of and recommendations on ways to enhance the role of the United Nations and the relationship between the United Nations and the Bretton Woods institutions in the promotion of international cooperation for development, within the framework and provisions of the Charter of the United Nations and the articles of agreement of the Bretton Woods institutions, and to include therein, inter alia, a comprehensive annotated list of substantive themes and areas to be addressed by the United Nations in the agenda, as well as his views on priorities among them, for the consideration of Member States (resolution 47/181).

At its forty-eighth session, the Assembly welcomed the intention of the Secretary-General to issue in the early months of 1994 the report requested in its resolution 47/181; decided that the intergovernmental discussions to consider an agenda for development and the reports of the Secretary-General thereon should be held at the substantive session of 1994 of the Economic and Social Council and at the forty-ninth session of the General Assembly; requested the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its forty-ninth session further recommendations, as appropriate, to follow up his report on an agenda for development, taking into account the views expressed during the substantive session of 1994 of the Council. The Assembly recommended that the Economic and Social Council, at its organizational session for 1994, consider "An agenda for development" as a possible topic for the high-level segment of its substantive session of 1994 (resolution 48/166).

At its organizational session for 1994, the Economic and Social Council decided that the high-level segment of the Economic and Social Council of 1994 should be devoted to the consideration of the major theme "An agenda for development" (decision 1994/201).

Documentation

Report of the Sectary-General on an agenda for development

Coordination segment

Item 3. Coordination of the policies and activities of the specialised agencies and other bodies of the United Nations system related to the following themes:

(a) Science and technology for development

(b) International cooperation within the United Nations system against the illicit production, sale, demand, traffic and distribution of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances

(c) Implementation of the agreed conclusions of the 1993 coordination segment of the Council relating to (i) the coordination of humanitarian assistance: emergency relief and the continuum to rehabilitation and development and (ii) coordination of the activities of the United Nations system in the fields of preventive action and intensification of the struggle against malaria and diarrhoeal diseases, in particular cholera

At its forty-eighth session, the General Assembly requested the Economic and Social Council at its coordination segment of 1994 to examine the status of international cooperation within the United Nations system against the illicit production, sale, demand, traffic and distribution of narcotics and psychotropic substances in order to recommend ways and means to improve such cooperation and to report thereon to the General Assembly at its forty-ninth session (resolution 48/12).

At its organizational session for 1994, the Council, having reaffirmed the provisions of section III, paragraphs (a) to (e), of its decision 1992/217, decided that the coordination segment should be devoted to the consideration of the themes "Science and technology for development" and "International cooperation within the United Nations system against the illicit production, sale, demand, traffic and distribution of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances" (decision 1994/202). In regard to the theme "Science and technology for development", the attention of the Council is drawn to General Assembly resolution 48/179.

At the same session, the Council decided that the coordination segment should also be devoted to the consideration of the implementation of the agreed conclusions of the 1993 coordination segment of the Council relating to (i) the coordination of humanitarian assistance: emergency relief and the continuum to rehabilitation and development and (ii) coordination of the activities of the United Nations system in the fields of preventive action and intensification of the struggle against malaria and diarrhoeal diseases, in particular cholera (decision 1994/203).

At its substantive session of 1994, the Council will have before it reports of the Secretary-General containing an overview of the relevant activities of the United Nations system and a broad system-wide assessment of the status of coordination in those areas of work, and specific recommendations on coordination aspects addressed to various parts of the United Nations system.

The report of the Secretary-General on the coordination of humanitarian assistance will also include the information requested by the General Assembly in its resolution 46/182, annex, and recommendations on practical measures to enhance the coordinated system-wide support for efforts to facilitate the transition from emergency relief to rehabilitation and development and ways and means to improve the operational capacity of the emergency stockpiles, as well as an analysis of the advantages or disadvantages, taking into account the existing facilities and the possibility of strengthening them, and information on the progress made in the implementation of Assembly resolution 48/57, as requested by the Assembly in that resolution.

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on coordination of United Nations activities in the field of science and technology for development

Report of the Secretary-General on the status of international cooperation in drug abuse control within the United Nations system (E/1994/58)

Report of the Secretary-General on strengthening the coordination of humanitarian assistance of the United Nations system with regard to natural disasters and other emergencies

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of recommendations to improve coordination in the prevention and control of malaria and diarrhoeal diseases

Operational activities of the United Nations for international development cooperation segment

Item 4. Operational activities of the United Nations for international development cooperation

At its forty-seventh session, the General Assembly requested the Secretary-General to provide a progress report on the implementation of its resolution 47/199. The report is expected to include progress in the introduction of the country strategy note and an assessment of progress in the use of the programme approach, including evaluation, and national execution at the field level. It will also review progress on such provisions of the resolution as strengthening of the resident coordinator system, decentralization, simplification and harmonization of rules and procedures, including in the area of evaluation, monitoring and audit. The Assembly also stressed the need for the Economic and Social Council to examine the operational activities of the United Nations system, with a view to taking appropriate action for the full implementation of the resolution and making recommendations thereon. In the same resolution, the Assembly requested the Secretary-General, after consultations with the funds, programmes and specialized agencies of the United Nations system, to present to the Economic and Social Council at its substantive session of 1993 an appropriate management process containing clear guidelines, targets, benchmarks and time-frames for the full implementation of the resolution, and to submit to the Council at its substantive sessions of 1993 and 1994 a progress report on the implementation of the resolution. In resolution 1993/7, the Economic and Social Council took note of the progress report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of General Assembly resolution 47/199 (E/1993/73); requested the Secretary-General further to develop the work programme for the implementation of Assembly resolution 47/199, contained in annex I to his report, with a view to setting results-oriented targets; and decided to review the implementation of resolution 1993/7, as part of the review of the implementation of Assembly resolution 47/199.

(a) United Nations Development Programme/United Nations Population Fund

(b) United Nations Children's Fund

In accordance with annex I to General Assembly resolution 48/162, paragraphs 21 to 30, in regard to the governing bodies of the United Nations development funds and programmes, the governing bodies of the United Nations Development Programme/United Nations Population Fund and the United Nations Children's Fund have been transformed into Executive Boards. Those Boards are responsible for providing intergovernmental support to and supervision of the activities of each fund or programme in accordance with the overall policy guidance of the Assembly and the Council, in accordance with the respective responsibility as set out in the Charter, and for ensuring that they are responsive to the needs and priorities of recipient countries. The Boards are subject to the authority of the Council and submit annual reports to it at its substantive session, which may include recommendations, where appropriate, for the improvement of field-level coordination. Each Executive Board meets in an annual session.

(c) World Food Programme

In annex I to its resolution 48/162, paragraph 30, the General Assembly decided that the arrangements regarding the United Nations Development Programme/United Nations Population Fund and the United Nations Children's Fund should apply to the Committee on Food Aid Policies and Programmes of the World Food Programme, and consultations between the United Nations and the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations should be undertaken as soon as possible for that purpose. The Committee submits an annual report to the Council (Assembly resolution 3404 (XXX)). The Committee will adopt its nineteenth annual report, covering the year 1993, at its thirty-seventh session, to be held at Rome from 23 to 27 May 1994.

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of General Assembly resolution 47/199

Report of the Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme/ United Nations Population Fund (E/1994/35, Supp. No. 15)

Report of the Executive Board of the United Nations Children's Fund (E/1994/34, Supp. No. 14)

Report of the Committee on Food Aid Policies and Programmes

Report of the Joint Inspection Unit brought to the attention of the Council:

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Joint Inspection Unit entitled "Field representation of United Nations system organizations: a more unitary approach" and the comments of the

Administrative Committee on Coordination thereon (A/49/133-E/1994/49 and Add.1)

General segment

Item 5. Social, humanitarian and human rights questions: reports of subsidiary bodies, conferences and related questions

(a) Special economic, humanitarian and disaster relief assistance

Assistance to the drought-stricken areas of Djibouti, Ethiopia, Kenya, Somalia, the Sudan and Uganda. The Secretary-General apprises the Council annually of the status of this question (Council resolution 1983/46).

The Council will also hear oral reports on the following questions:

(a) Assistance for the reconstruction and development of Lebanon. At its substantive session of 1993, the Council appealed to all Member States and all organizations of the United Nations system to intensify their efforts to mobilize all possible assistance for the Government of Lebanon in its reconstruction and development efforts, and invited the Secretary-General to inform the Council, at its substantive session of 1994, of the progress made in the implementation of the resolution (resolution 1993/59).

(b) Assistance for humanitarian relief and the economic and social rehabilitation of Somalia. At its forty-eighth session, the General Assembly requested the Secretary-General, in view of the critical situation in Somalia, to take all necessary measures for the implementation of the resolution, to apprise the Economic and Social Council at its substantive session of 1994 of the progress made and to report thereon to the General Assembly at its forty-ninth session (resolution 48/201).

(c) Situation of refugees, returnees and displaced persons in Africa. At its forty-eighth session, the General Assembly requested the Secretary-General to submit a comprehensive and consolidated report on the question to the General Assembly at its forty-ninth session, and an oral report to the Economic and Social Council at its substantive session of 1994 (resolution 48/118).

The Council will also have before it reports on the following questions:

(a) Assistance to Yemen. At its substantive session of 1993, the Council encouraged the international community to respond actively to the needs of Yemen, and requested donor States to continue to provide assistance on a bilateral and multilateral basis, with a view to enabling Yemen to address the emergency situation; it requested the Secretary-General to submit to the Council, at its substantive session of 1994, a written report on the progress made in the implementation of the resolution (resolution 1993/58). The attention of the Council is drawn to General Assembly resolution 48/195 on the subject.

(b) Special assistance to Namibia. At its forty-sixth session, the General Assembly endorsed the decision of the Economic and Social Council in its

resolution 1991/50 to invite States, organizations of the United Nations system and other donor agencies to grant Namibia for a number of years assistance of a scope comparable to that given to a least developed country; and invited the Committee for Development Planning to review the situation of Namibia, taking into account its need for special assistance, and to make recommendations thereon to the General Assembly at its forty-ninth session, through the Economic and Social Council (Assembly resolution 46/204).

(c) Emergency assistance to Madagascar. At its forty-eighth session, the General Assembly, seriously concerned at the extensive damage and devastation caused by the tropical cyclones Daisy and Geralda and by the floods which had struck Madagascar, requested the Secretary-General, acting in cooperation with the competent bodies and organizations of the United Nations system and i close collaboration with the governmental authorities, to assist the Government of Madagascar in bringing recovery efforts to a successful conclusion and to report to the Economic and Social Council at its substantive session of 1994 on the implementation of the resolution (resolution 48/234).

(d) Emergency assistance to Uganda. At its forty-eighth session, the General Assembly, deeply concerned about the extensive damage and devastation caused by the major earthquake that had struck western Uganda, requested the Secretary-General to continue to assist the Government and people of Uganda in providing relief and bringing recovery efforts to a successful conclusion and to report to the Economic and Social Council at its substantive session of 1994 on the implementation of the resolution (resolution 48/236).

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on strengthening the coordination of humanitarian emergency assistance of the United Nations

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of Economic and Social Council resolution 1993/58 on assistance to Yemen

Report of the Secretary-General on special assistance to Namibia

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of General Assembly resolution 48/234 on emergency assistance to Madagascar

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of General Assembly resolution 48/236 on emergency assistance to Uganda

(b) Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Third Decade to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination

The Council will consider the report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the Programme of Action for the Third Decade to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination (1993-2003), as requested by the General Assembly in its resolution 48/91, paragraph 16. In that resolution, the Assembly proclaimed the Third Decade to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination, beginning in 1993, and adopted the Programme of Action for the Decade contained in the annex to the resolution. The General Assembly entrusted the Economic and Social Council and

the Commission on Human Rights, in cooperation with the Secretary-General, with the responsibility for coordinating the programmes and evaluating the activities undertaken in connection with the Decade and requested the Secretary-General to submit each year to the Economic and Social Council a detailed report on all activities of United Nations bodies and the specialized agencies, analysing the information received on such activities to combat racism and racial discrimination.

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the Programme of Action for the Third Decade to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination

(c) Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples by the specialized agencies and the international institutions associated with the United Nations

Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples by the specialized agencies and the international institutions associated with the United Nations. At its substantive session of 1993, the Economic and Social Council requested its President to continue to maintain close contact with the Chairman of the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples and the Chairman of the Special Committee against Apartheid, which is the focal point for the international campaign against apartheid, and to report thereon to the Council; it requested the Secretary-General to follow the implementation of the resolution and to report thereon to the Council at its substantive session of 1994 (resolution 1993/55). At its forty-eighth session, the General Assembly requested the Council to continue, as appropriate, to consider, in consultation with the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples, appropriate measures for coordination of the policies and activities of the specialized agencies and other organizations of the United Nations system in implementing the relevant resolutions of the Assembly (resolution 48/47).

Assistance to the oppressed people of South Africa and their national liberation movement by the specialized agencies and the international institutions associated with the United Nations. The Council reviews annually, in consultation with the Special Committee against Apartheid, the assistance provided by agencies and institutions of the United Nations system in the context of General Assembly resolution 33/183 K.

Assistance to the Palestinian people. At its sixty-third session, in 1977, the Council requested the Secretary-General to submit to it annual reports on the question of assistance to the Palestinian people (resolution 2100 (LXIII)). At its forty-eighth session, the General Assembly, inter alia, took note of the report of the Secretary-General (A/48/183-E/1993/74 and Add.1); suggested the convening in 1993/94, under the appropriate United Nations auspices, of a seminar on Palestinian trade and investment needs in the light of the new developments and requested the Secretary-General to report to the General

Assembly, at its forty-ninth session, through the Economic and Social Council, on the implementation of the resolution (Assembly resolution 48/213).

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples by the specialised agencies and the international institutions associated with the United Nations

Report of the President of the Council on consultations held with the Chairman of the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples and the Chairman of the Special Committee against Apartheid

Report of the Secretary-General on assistance to the Palestinian people

(d) Human rights questions

The Council will consider the general comments adopted by the Human Rights Committee at its fiftieth session and the report of the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights on its eighth, ninth and tenth sessions, as well as the report of the Committee on the Rights of the Child.

The Council will also consider the report of the Commission on Human Rights on its fiftieth session (Geneva, 31 January-11 March 1994) and the report of the High Commissioner for Human Rights. The provisional agenda and documentation for the fiftieth session of the Commission were approved by the Council in its decision 1993/300.

The Council will also have before it the report of the Secretary-General on the suppression of the traffic in persons and of contemporary forms of slavery and slavery-like practices.

International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights. The International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (General Assembly resolution 2200 A (XXI), annex) entered into force on 23 March 1976. In accordance with article 45 of the Covenant, the Human Rights Committee reports annually on its activities to the General Assembly through the Economic and Social Council. In 1994, the Human Rights Committee is to hold its fiftieth session at Headquarters from 21 March to 8 April, its fifty-first session at Geneva from 11 to 29 July and its fifty-second session at Geneva from 17 October to 4 November.

It will be recalled that, at its organizational session for 1983, the Council invited the Human Rights Committee to consider the possibility of rescheduling its meetings so that its report could be submitted to the General Assembly through the Council at its first regular session (decision 1983/101). At its organizational session for 1985, the Council agreed to the interim arrangement proposed by the Human Rights Committee, namely, that the Committee would transmit to the Council, on a regular basis, the text of the general comments adopted by the Committee in accordance with article 40, paragraph 4, of

the Covenant; and, without prejudice to further consideration of the present arrangements at a future session, the Council decided to authorize the Secretary-General to transmit the annual report of the Human Rights Committee directly to the General Assembly (decision 1985/105).

International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights. The Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights was entrusted by the Council, as from 1987, with overseeing the implementation of the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (Council resolution 1985/17). It will be recalled that the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (General Assembly resolution 2200 A (XXI), annex) entered into force on 3 January 1976. Under article 16 of the Covenant, States parties to the Covenant undertake to submit to the Secretary-General reports on the measures which they have adopted and on the progress made in achieving the observance of the rights recognized in the Covenant. The Secretary-General is required to transmit copies of the reports to the Council for its consideration.

At its substantive session of 1992, the Council, noting the long-standing backlog of reports of States parties awaiting consideration by the Committee, authorized, on an exceptional basis, the holding of an extraordinary additional session of the Committee in the first half of 1993 (decision 1992/259). In accordance with that decision, the Committee held its eighth session from 10 to 28 May 1993 and the Council, at its substantive session of 1993, had before it an extract from the report of the Committee on its eighth session. The Council decided to give further consideration to the question of resources to enable the Committee to involve experts in its general discussion at its substantive session of 1994, taking into account the full report of the Committee on its eighth session (decision 1993/298). The Council will therefore have before it the report of the Committee on its eighth session.

It will also have before it the report of the Committee on its ninth session, held at Geneva from 22 November to 10 December 1993.

At its substantive session of 1993, the Council, in view of the backlog of States parties' reports awaiting consideration by the Committee, authorized, on an exceptional basis, the holding of an extraordinary additional session of the Committee in the first half of 1994 (decision 1993/296). Accordingly, the Committee is scheduled to hold its tenth session at Geneva from 2 to 20 May 1994.

Committee on the Rights of the Child. At its forty-fourth session, the General Assembly adopted the Convention on the Rights of the Child (Assembly resolution 44/25, annex). In accordance with article 43 of the Convention, the Committee on the Rights of the Child was established for the purpose of examining the progress made by States parties in achieving the realization of the obligations undertaken in the Convention. In accordance with article 44 of the Convention, the Committee submits reports on its activities to the General Assembly, through the Economic and Social Council, every two years.

Commission on Human Rights. The report of the Commission is expected to include the Commission's response to the following resolutions:

(a) Assembly resolution 48/124, in which the Assembly called upon the Commission at its fiftieth session to continue giving priority to the review of the fundamental factors that negatively affected the observance of the principles of national sovereignty and non-interference in the internal affairs of States in their electoral processes and to report to the General Assembly at its forty-ninth session, through the Economic and Social Council;

(b) Assembly resolution 48/127, in which the Assembly requested the Commission to consider proposals for a United Nations decade for human rights education, which should be incorporated by the Secretary-General into a plan of action for such a decade and submitted, through the Economic and Social Council, to the General Assembly at its forty-ninth session, with a view to the proclamation of a decade for human rights education;

(c) Assembly resolution 48/130, in which the Assembly called upon the Commission to continue to make proposals to the General Assembly, through the Economic and Social Council, on the future course of action on the right to development, in particular on practical measures for the implementation and enhancement of the Declaration on the Right to Development (Assembly resolution 41/128, annex);

(d) Assembly resolution 48/144, in which the Assembly decided to continue its consideration of the situation of human rights in Iraq during its forty-ninth session in the light of additional elements provided by the Commission and the Economic and Social Council;

(e) Assembly resolution 48/145, in which the Assembly decided to continue the examination of the situation of human rights in the Islamic Republic of Iran, including the situation of minority groups, such as the Baha'is, during its forty-ninth session in the light of additional elements provided by the Commission and the Economic and Social Council;

(f) Assembly resolution 48/151, in which the Assembly decided to keep the situation of human rights and fundamental freedoms in Haiti under review during its forty-ninth session and to consider it further in the light of the information supplied by the Commission and the Economic and Social Council;

(g) Assembly resolution 48/152, in which the Assembly decided to keep under consideration during its forty-ninth session the situation of human rights in Afghanistan, in the light of additional elements provided by the Commission and the Economic and Social Council.

Report of the High Commissioner for Human Rights. At its forty-eighth session, the General Assembly decided to create the post of High Commissioner for Human Rights; it also decided, inter alia, that the High Commissioner for Human Rights would be the United Nations official with principal responsibility for United Nations human rights activities under the direction and authority of the Secretary-General. The Assembly requested the High Commissioner for Human Rights to report annually on his/her activities, in accordance with his/her mandate, to the Commission on Human Rights and, through the Economic and Social Council, to the General Assembly (resolution 48/141).

Suppression of the traffic in persons. At its substantive session of 1993, the Council requested the Secretary-General to submit a further report to the Council, at its substantive session of 1994, on the steps taken to implement the recommendations contained in Council resolution 1983/30 by those Member States, United Nations organizations and other intergovernmental organizations that had not yet submitted such information and to make that report available to the Working Group on Contemporary Forms of Slavery of the Subcommission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities. The Council also urged the Secretary-General to ensure effective servicing of the Working Group and of other activities related to the suppression of contemporary forms of slavery and slavery-like practices, and to report to the Council at its substantive session of 1994 on the steps taken in that regard. It reiterated its request to the Secretary-General to designate the Centre for Human Rights of the Secretariat as the focal point for the coordination of activities in the United Nations for the suppression of contemporary forms of slavery, and requested the Secretary-General to report on the follow-up of that request (resolution 1993/48).

Documentation

Note by the Secretariat transmitting the general comments of the Human Rights Committee on its fiftieth session

Reports of the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights on its eighth, ninth and tenth sessions (E/1994/23, Supp. No. 3)

Report of the Committee on the Rights of the Child (A/49/41)

Report of the Commission on Human Rights on its fiftieth session (E/1994/24, Supp. No. 4)

Report of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (A/49/36)

Report of the Secretary-General on the suppression of the traffic in persons and of contemporary forms of slavery and slavery-like practices

Documents for information

Reports submitted by States parties to the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights and by the specialized agencies

Reports submitted by the specialized agencies in accordance with Council resolution 1988 (LX)

Summary records of the eighth, ninth and tenth sessions of the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights

(e) Advancement of women

The Council will consider the report of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women on its thirteenth session (New York, 17 January-4 February 1994), the report of the Commission on the Status of Women on its

thirty-eighth session (New York, 7-18 March 1994) and the report of the Board of Trustees of the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women on its fourteenth session (Santo Domingo, 18-21 April 1994). The provisional agenda and documentation for the thirty-eighth session of the Commission on the Status of Women were approved by the Council in its decision 1993/233.

Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (General Assembly resolution 34/180, annex). The Convention entered into force on 3 September 1981. The Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women was established under article 17 of the Convention for the purpose of considering the progress made in the implementation of the Convention. Under article 21 of the Convention, the Committee reports annually on its activities to the General Assembly through the Council and may make suggestions and general recommendations based on the examination of reports and information received from the States parties to the Convention.

Report of the Commission on the Status of Women. In accordance with Council resolution 1990/15, the following three priority themes were considered by the Commission at its thirty-eighth session: under equality, equal pay for work of equal value, including methodologies for measurement of pay inequities and work in the informal sector; under development, women in urban areas: population, nutrition and health factors for women in development, including migration, drug consumption and AIDS; and under peace, measures to eradicate violence against women in the family and society.

At its forty-eighth session, the General Assembly requested the Commission on the Status of Women to examine the implications of the World Conference on Human Rights and the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action adopted by the Conference for its central role in matters related to women's rights within the United Nations system and to report to the Economic and Social Council at its substantive session of 1994 (Assembly resolution 48/108).

The report of the Commission is expected to include recommendations on the implementation of the Nairobi Forward-looking Strategies for the Advancement of Women. In its resolution 1988/22, the Council established a comprehensive reporting system to monitor, review and appraise the implementation of the Nairobi Forward-looking Strategies for the Advancement of Women and decided that the biennial reports of the Secretary-General on monitoring of progress made by the organizations of the United Nations system in the implementation of the Forward-looking Strategies should be considered by the Commission on the Status of Women in even-numbered years, beginning in 1990.

Fourth World Conference on Women: Action for Equality, Development and Peace. In its resolution 1990/12, the Economic and Social Council requested the Commission on the Status of Women, as the preparatory body for the Fourth World Conference on Women, to include preparations for the Conference in its regular work programme during the period 1991-1995. The report of the Commission contains recommendations on the preparations for the Conference, including the draft platform of action.

Merger of the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women and the United Nations Development Fund for Women. At its forty-eighth session, the General Assembly requested the Secretary-General, through the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, in accordance with rule 157 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, to submit to the Economic and Social Council at its substantive session of 1994 a report on the proposed merger of the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women and the United Nations Development Fund for Women. It also requested the Secretary-General to include in his report consideration of the potential duplication of training activities of the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women and the United Nations Development Fund for Women. It requested that the Economic and Social Council submit its final recommendations to the General Assembly at its forty-ninth session for its consideration and action before 31 December 1994 (resolution 48/11).

Report of the Board of Trustees of the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women. At its sixtieth session, in 1976, the Council decided to establish the Institute as an autonomous body under the auspices of the United Nations, funded through voluntary contributions; it also decided on guidelines for the Institute (resolution 1998 (LX)). The statute of the Board was approved by the Council and endorsed by the General Assembly (Council decision 1984/124 and Assembly resolution 39/249). The Institute functions under the authority of a Board of Trustees, which reports annually to the Council.

At its resumed organizational session for 1994, the Economic and Social Council agreed (a) to defer to its substantive session consideration of the question of filling vacancies in the Board of the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women and (b) to consider the question under the item entitled "Advancement of women" (decision 1994/222).

Documentation

Report of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women on its thirteenth session (A/49/38)

Report of the Commission on the Status of Women on its thirty-eighth session (E/1994/27, Supp. No. 7)

Report of the Secretary-General on the proposed merger of the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women and the United Nations Development Fund for Women

Report of the Board of Trustees of the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women on its fourteenth session

(f) Social development questions

No advance documentation expected.

(g) Crime prevention and criminal justice

Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice. The Council will consider the report of the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice on its third session (Vienna, 26 April-6 May 1994) and take action on the recommendations contained therein. The provisional agenda and documentation for the session were approved by the Council in decision 1993/243.

International cooperation in combating organized crime. At its forty-seventh session, the General Assembly requested the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice to continue to consider ways of strengthening international cooperation in combating organized crime and to submit its views, through the Economic and Social Council, to the General Assembly at its forty-ninth session (Assembly resolution 47/87).

Strengthening of the United Nations crime prevention and criminal justice programme. At its substantive session of 1993, the Council, deeply concerned about the delay in the implementation of General Assembly resolutions 46/152 and 47/91 and Council resolution 1992/22, with respect to strengthening, as resources permitted, the United Nations crime prevention and criminal justice programme and upgrading the Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Branch into a division, requested the Secretary-General, as a matter of urgency, to give effect to the above-mentioned resolutions by strengthening the Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Branch, and to report to the Economic and Social Council at its substantive session of 1994, through the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice, on progress made in the implementation of Council resolutions 1992/22 and 1993/31 (resolution 1993/31).

Documentation

Report of the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice on its third session (E/1994/31, Supp. No. 11)

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of Economic and Social Council resolutions 1992/22 and 1993/31 (E/1994/13)

(h) Narcotic drugs

The Council will consider the report of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs on its thirty-seventh session (Vienna, 13-22 April 1994) and take action on the recommendations contained therein. The provisional agenda and documentation for the thirty-seventh session of the Commission were approved by the Council in decision 1993/245.

Report of the International Narcotics Control Board. In accordance with article 15, paragraph 1, of the Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs, 1961, article 18, paragraph 1, of the 1971 Convention on Psychotropic Substances, and article 23, paragraph 1, of the 1988 United Nations Convention against Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances, the Board will report to the Council, through the Commission on Narcotic Drugs, on its work for 1993.

Implementation of the United Nations System-Wide Action Plan on Drug Abuse Control. At its forty-eighth session, the General Assembly called for completion of the updated System-Wide Action Plan on Drug Abuse Control, as was requested in resolution 47/100, in full cooperation with the Administrative Committee on Coordination, in time for the review and recommendation of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs at its thirty-seventh session, and for the consideration of the Economic and Social Council at its substantive session of 1994 and of the General Assembly at its forty-ninth session (resolution 48/112, part IV).

Documentation

Report of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs on its thirty-seventh session (E/1994/30, Supp. No. 10)

Summary of the report of the International Narcotics Control Board for 1993 (E/1994/42)

Report of the Secretary-General on the updated System-Wide Action Plan on Drug Abuse Control

(i) International Decade for Natural Disaster Reduction

At its forty-fourth session, the General Assembly proclaimed the International Decade for Natural Disaster Reduction, beginning on 1 January 1990. The Assembly adopted the International Framework of Action for the International Decade for Natural Disaster Reduction, in which, inter alia, the Economic and Social Council, in 1994, is to carry out a mid-term review of the implementation of the International Framework of Action for the Decade and report its findings to the General Assembly (resolution 44/236, annex).

At its forty-eighth session, the General Assembly decided to convene the World Conference on Natural Disaster Reduction in 1994. The Assembly requested the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its forty-ninth session a report on progress made in the implementation of the resolution, including the findings of the mid-term review of the implementation of the International Framework of Action for the International Decade for Natural Disaster Reduction, to be carried out by the Economic and Social Council at its substantive session of 1994 (resolution 48/188). In order to facilitate the review of the implementation of the International Framework of Action for the Decade by the Council, the Council will have before it the report of the World Conference on Natural Disaster Reduction (Yokohama, Japan, 23-27 May 1994).

Documentation

Report of the World Conference on Natural Disaster Reduction (A/CONF.172/...)

(j) Cultural development

At its forty-first session, the General Assembly proclaimed the period 1988-1997 the World Decade for Cultural Development and requested the Secretary-

General of the United Nations and the Director-General of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) to report biennially to the General Assembly, through the Economic and Social Council, on the progress of the Decade (resolution 41/187).

At its forty-sixth session, the Assembly invited the Secretary-General and the Director-General of UNESCO to undertake the preparation of a global mid-term review of the Decade, to be carried out by the Assembly at its forty-ninth session (resolution 46/157).

At its organizational session for 1993, the Council decided to postpone consideration of the biennial progress report on the Decade and to combine that report with the global mid-term review of the Decade, to be undertaken by the Council at its substantive session of 1994 and by the Assembly at its forty-ninth session (Council decision 1993/209).

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General of the United Nations and the Director-General of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization

(k) United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees

The United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees reports annually to the General Assembly through the Council, in conformity with paragraph 11 of the Statute of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (General Assembly resolution 428 (V), annex).

At its fifty-first session, in 1971, the Council decided that the report of the High Commissioner should be transmitted to the Assembly without debate, unless the Council decided otherwise, at the specific request of one or more of its members or of the High Commissioner, at the time of the adoption of its agenda (resolution 1623 (LI), sect. II).

Documentation

Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (E/1994/41)

Item 6. Economic and environmental questions: reports of subsidiary bodies, conferences and related questions

The Council will have before it the World Economic and Social Survey, 1994, prepared pursuant to General Assembly resolution 118 (II) and Council resolution 1983/50. The Survey will include an overview of the major economic and social developments of global significance and their policy implications, as well as an assessment of short-term prospects for the world economy. The subjects and emerging issues to be addressed in greater detail, both globally and for major countries and groups of countries, will include the following: output; international trade; international financial flows, including the transfer of financial resources and the debt situation of both developing countries and economies in transition; energy markets; employment and unemployment; and

population. In each case, an assessment of current policies will be an integral part of the analysis. The Survey will also include a statistical annex.

At its substantive session of 1993, the Council approved the convening of the twenty-ninth session of the Committee for Development Planning at Headquarters from 12 to 14 January 1994 (decision 1993/338). The Committee will report on the work of that session.

Technical cooperation among developing countries. At its substantive session of 1992, the Council, concerned that technical cooperation among developing countries since the adoption of the Buenos Aires Plan of Action for Promoting and Implementing Technical Cooperation among Developing Countries had not been widespread and was still marginally applied in the implementation of programmes and projects, urged the United Nations Development Programme and other organizations of the United Nations system dealing with development to consider improvements to the working and scope of the Information Referral System and to intensify their efforts to build national capacity for human resources development in developing countries; and requested the Secretary-General to report to the Economic and Social Council at its substantive session of 1994 on his assessment of the implementation of the resolution (resolution 1992/41).

Financing science and technology for development. At its substantive session of 1993, the Council decided to maintain as a priority its efforts to enable developing countries to address their needs for funds and cooperation to enhance the input of science and technology into their development programmes and to build up an endogenous capacity on the basis of the priorities and plans of developing countries; and requested the Secretary-General, in pursuance of General Assembly resolution 46/165, in which the Assembly requested concrete proposals for organizing a more effective coalition of resources to meet scientific and technological needs of developing countries, to convene a consultative meeting in 1993 and to submit to the Economic and Social Council, at its substantive session of 1994, a report on the implementation of its resolution 1993/73.

At its forty-sixth session, the General Assembly, inter alia, requested the Secretary-General to continue to update the World Survey on the Role of Women in Development and to submit a preliminary version to the Economic and Social Council, through the Commission on the Status of Women, in 1993 and a final version in 1994 (Assembly resolution 46/98). At its forty-eighth session, the General Assembly requested the Secretary-General to submit a preliminary version of the updated World Survey on the Role of Women in Development to the Economic and Social Council, through the Commission, in 1994 (Assembly resolution 48/108).

Documentation

World Economic and Social Survey, 1994

Report of the Committee for Development Planning on its twenty-ninth session (E/1994/22, Supp. No. 2)

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of Economic and Social Council resolution 1992/41 on technical cooperation among developing countries

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of Council resolution 1993/73 (E/1994/59)

Preliminary version of the updated World Survey on the Role of Women in Development

Relevant sections of the report of the Commission on the Status of Women on its thirty-eighth session

(a) Sustainable development

At its organizational session for 1993, the Council, in accordance with General Assembly resolution 47/191, established the Commission on Sustainable Development as a functional commission of the Council, in order, inter alia, to ensure the effective follow-up of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development (decision 1993/207). The functions of the Commission are set out in paragraphs 3 to 5 of General Assembly resolution 47/191. The Assembly recommended that the Commission, in discharging its functions, submit its consolidated recommendations to the Economic and Social Council and, through it, to the General Assembly.

The Council will have before it the report of the Commission on Sustainable Development on its second session (New York, 16-27 May 1994). The provisional agenda for the second session was approved by the Council in decision 1993/314.

At its forty-eighth session, the General Assembly invited the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT) and requested the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD), in accordance with their respective mandates and competencies and in close cooperation with other relevant United Nations bodies and the regional commissions, to address comprehensively trade and environmental matters, and to submit, through the Commission on Sustainable Development, a report on this question to the Economic and Social Council at its substantive session of 1994 (Assembly resolution 48/55).

Documentation

Report of the Commission on Sustainable Development on its second session (E/1994/33, Supp. No. 13)

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the GATT secretariat on trade and environmental matters (E/1994/43)

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the UNCTAD secretariat on trade and environmental matters (E/1994/47)

(b) Cooperation in fisheries in Africa

At its substantive session of 1992, the Council, inter alia, took note with satisfaction of the report of the Secretary-General on cooperation in fisheries in Africa (A/47/279-E/1992/79 and Corr.1); and requested the Secretary-General to submit to the Economic and Social Council, at its substantive session of 1994, a report by the Director-General of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, working in cooperation with the other relevant organizations and in close consultation with the Acting Chairman of the Ministerial Conference on Cooperation in Fisheries among the African States Bordering the Atlantic Ocean, on the progress achieved in the implementation of the resolution and on the outcome of the third session of the Conference, which was to be held in Cape Verde in 1993 (resolution 1992/54).

Documentation

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Director-General of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations on cooperation in fisheries in Africa

(c) Trade and development

The Council will consider the report of the Trade and Development Board on the second part of its fortieth session (Geneva, 11-22 April 1994) and transmit directly to the General Assembly the report of the Board on the first part of its forty-first session (Geneva, 19-30 September 1994) (Council decision 1994/205 A).

Documentation

Report of the Trade and Development Board on the second part of its fortieth session (A/49/15, Supp. No. 15, vol. I)

(d) Food and agricultural development

It is expected that the Council will review the report of the World Food Council (Assembly resolution 3348 (XXIX)). In doing so, the Council will consider only specific recommendations contained therein that require action by the Council and proposals on matters relating to the coordination aspect of the work of the World Food Council. 1/

Documentation

Report of the World Food Council

1/ The report of the World Food Council will be considered by the General Assembly in 1994.

(e) Transnational corporations

The Council will consider the report of the Commission on Transnational Corporations on its twentieth session (Geneva, 2-11 May 1994) and take action on the recommendations contained therein. The Council approved the provisional agenda and documentation for the session in decision 1993/304. At its substantive session of 1993, the Council decided that the Commission should review its future activities at its twentieth session and, if appropriate, make recommendations to the General Assembly, through the Economic and Social Council, in the context of the ongoing restructuring of the United Nations in the economic and social fields (resolution 1993/49).

Documentation

Report of the Commission on Transnational Corporations on its twentieth session (E/1994/32, Supp. No. 12)

(f) Natural resources

In decision 1992/218, the Council established the Committee on Natural Resources, in accordance with General Assembly resolution 46/235. At its substantive session of 1993, the Council decided that the second session of the Committee should be held in 1994, that the normal two-year cycle of meetings would resume at that time and that the third session would be held in 1996; it also approved the provisional agenda and documentation for the second session of the Committee. The Council requested the Committee to review at its second session, as a matter of priority, its recommendations relating to water, with a view to making a contribution to the work of the Commission on Sustainable Development at its second session, in 1994 (decision 1993/302).

The Committee on Natural Resources held its second session at Headquarters from 22 February to 4 March 1994.

Documentation

Report of the Committee on Natural Resources on its second session (E/1994/26, Supp. No. 6)

(g) Energy

In decision 1992/218, the Council established the Committee on New and Renewable Sources of Energy and on Energy for Development, in accordance with General Assembly resolution 46/235. The Committee will report to the Council on the work of its first session (Headquarters, 7-18 February 1994).

At its substantive session of 1992, the Council took note with appreciation of the report of the Secretary-General on energy exploration and development trends in developing countries (A/47/202-E/1992/51); reaffirmed that an adequate flow of external resources in support of the national efforts of developing countries was needed to finance the exploration and development of their energy resources; requested the Secretary-General to keep the matter under constant review and to submit to the Economic and Social Council at its substantive

session of 1994 a report on the efforts made in this regard. It also requested the Secretary-General to report to the Economic and Social Council at its substantive session of 1994 on the role of the United Nations in devising ways and means of mobilizing the international community to increase efforts for comprehensive national, bilateral and multilateral measures to accelerate the exploration and development of energy resources in developing countries, with full respect for their national sovereignty (resolution 1992/56).

Documentation

Report of the Committee on New and Renewable Sources of Energy and on Energy for Development on its first session (E/1994/25, Supp. No. 5)

Report of the Secretary-General on exploration and development of energy resources in developing countries

(h) Population questions

The Council will consider the report of the Population Commission on its twenty-seventh session (Headquarters, 28-31 March 1994) (Council resolution 150 (VII)) and take action on the recommendations contained therein. The provisional agenda and documentation for the twenty-seventh session of the Commission were approved by the Council in decision 1991/308. At its organizational session for 1993, the Council decided to postpone the twenty-seventh session of the Commission until 1994 (resolution 1993/4).

Documentation

Report of the Population Commission on its twenty-seventh session (E/1994/28, Supp. No. 8)

(i) Statistics

At its substantive session of 1993, the Council decided that a special session of the Statistical Commission should be held in 1994 to review progress made in the implementation of the recommendations and decisions for strengthening the international statistical system in general and to monitor progress made in implementing the revised System of National Accounts and review plans for the further essential research work already identified (resolution 1993/6). The special session of the Commission was held at Headquarters from 11 to 15 April 1994.

Documentation

Report of the Statistical Commission on its special session (E/1994/29, Supp. No. 9)

(j) Cartography

The Council will consider the report of the Secretary-General on the Thirteenth United Nations Regional Cartographic Conference for Asia and the Pacific (Beijing, 9-18 May 1994) (decision 1991/222).

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the Thirteenth United Nations Regional Cartographic Conference for Asia and the Pacific

(k) International cooperation to mitigate the environmental consequences on Kuwait and other countries in the region resulting from the situation between Iraq and Kuwait

At its forty-seventh session, the General Assembly requested the Secretary-General, through his Personal Representative, to render assistance to the members of the Regional Organization for the Protection of the Marine Environment in the formulation and implementation of a coordinated and consolidated programme of action comprising costed project profiles, to help identify all possible resources for the programme of action and, inter alia, for strengthening the environmental capacities of the members of the Regional Organization for the Protection of the Marine Environment to deal with that problem, and to allocate, within existing resources, the minimum resources required to enable his Personal Representative to continue to help coordinate the activities of the United Nations system to that end, and to submit to the General Assembly at its forty-ninth session, through the Economic and Social Council, a report on the implementation of the resolution (General Assembly resolution 47/151).

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of General Assembly resolution 47/151

(l) Public administration and finance

The Council reviews the question of public administration and finance every two years, following the meeting of experts on the United Nations programme in public administration and finance (Council resolution 1199 (XXII)). At its substantive session of 1992, the Council, taking note of the report of the Tenth Meeting of Experts on the United Nations Programme in Public Administration and Finance, requested the Secretary-General to convene the Eleventh Meeting in 1993 (decision 1992/287). The Eleventh Meeting was held at Geneva from 6 to 14 October 1993.

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the Eleventh Meeting of Experts on the United Nations Programme in Public Administration and Finance

(m) Charter of Economic Rights and Duties of States

At its twenty-ninth session, the General Assembly adopted the Charter of Economic Rights and Duties of States (resolution 3281 (XXIX) of 12 December 1974). Article 34 of the Charter provides that the General Assembly shall carry out periodically a systematic and comprehensive consideration of the implementation of the Charter. At its thirtieth session, the General Assembly,

inter alia, decided to entrust the Economic and Social Council with the task of reviewing the implementation of the Charter with a view to preparing adequately its systematic and comprehensive consideration by the General Assembly, as provided in article 34 of the Charter (resolution 3486 (XXX) of 12 December 1975). In accordance with article 34, the review is to be undertaken every five years.

At its forty-fourth session, the General Assembly requested the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its forty-ninth session an analytical report on the progress achieved in compliance with the Charter of Economic Rights and Duties of States and its impact on the solution of the main economic problems confronting the developing countries and the reactivation of their economic growth and development (resolution 44/170).

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the Charter of Economic Rights and Duties of States

Item 7. Regional cooperation in the economic, social and related fields

The Council will consider the report of the Secretary-General on regional cooperation and take the necessary action on the decisions and recommendations of the regional commissions contained therein.

The Council will also have before it the summaries of the surveys of regional economic and social conditions prepared by the regional commissions, highlighting the main problems and prospects of those regions. At its first regular session of 1979, the Council decided to discontinue the submission to it of the reports of the regional commissions (decision 1979/1). The reports are transmitted directly to all Member States. The Secretary-General, in his annual report on regional cooperation, in addition to reporting on the meetings of the executive secretaries, highlights developments within each region and draws the Council's attention to specific issues requiring its consideration. The report of the Secretary-General will bring to the Council's attention any decisions or recommendations of the Commissions that statutorily require approval by the Council. A section of the report will deal with the question of regional preparations for the World Summit for Social Development (decision 1994/204).

At its organizational session for 1993, the Council requested the regional commissions, in accordance with the provisions of General Assembly resolution 47/191 of 22 December 1992, to examine at their forthcoming sessions the relevant provisions of chapter 38 of Agenda 21 2/ and to submit to the Council reports containing their conclusions related to such a review and their plans to

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2/ Report of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development, Rio de Janeiro, 3-14 June 1992, vol. I, Resolutions Adopted by the Conference (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.93.I.8 and corrigendum), resolution 1, annex II.

implement Agenda 21. Those reports will also be annexed to the report of the Secretary-General on regional cooperation (decision 1993/213).

A Transport and Communications Decade for Asia and the Pacific during the period 1985-1994 was proclaimed by the General Assembly at its thirty-ninth session (resolution 39/227). At its second regular session of 1991, the Council endorsed resolution 47/10 of the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific on phase II of the Decade; and requested the Secretary-General to submit to the Council at its regular session of 1992 and every two years thereafter until the end of the Decade a report on the implementation of the resolution (resolution 1991/75).

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on regional cooperation

Summary of the survey of economic and social conditions in Asia and the Pacific, 1993 (E/1994/52)

Summary of the survey of economic conditions in the region of the Economic Commission for Europe, 1993-1994

Summary of the survey of economic conditions in the region of Latin America and the Caribbean, 1993 (E/1994/53)

Summary of the survey of economic and social developments in the region of the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia, 1993 (E/1994/55)

Summary of the survey of economic and social conditions in Africa, 1992-1993

Report of the Secretary-General on phase II of the Transport and Communications Decade for Asia and the Pacific, 1985-1994

Item 8. Permanent sovereignty over national resources in the occupied Palestinian and other Arab territories

At its substantive session of 1993, the Council adopted resolution 1993/52, entitled "Economic and social repercussions of the Israeli settlements on the Palestinian people in the Palestinian territory, including Jerusalem, occupied since 1967, and on the Arab population of the occupied Syrian Golan". The Council reaffirmed the inalienable right of the Palestinian people and the population of the occupied Syrian Golan to their natural and all other economic resources, and regarded any infringement thereof as being without any legal validity; and requested the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its forty-ninth session, through the Economic and Social Council, a report on the progress made in the implementation of resolution 1993/52. The attention of the Council is drawn to General Assembly resolution 48/212 on the subject.

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of Council resolution 1993/52 and General Assembly resolution 48/212

Item 9. Coordination questions

At its forty-eighth session, the General Assembly adopted the texts contained in the annexes to resolution 48/162 on further measures for restructuring and revitalization of the United Nations in the economic, social and related fields, and requested the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its forty-ninth session, through the Economic and Social Council at its substantive session of 1994, on the implementation of the resolution.

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of General Assembly resolution 48/162

(a) Reports of the coordination bodies

The report of the Committee for Programme and Coordination (CPC) on its thirty-fourth session (Headquarters, May-June 1994) will include the Committee's views on its consideration of the report of the Administrative Committee on Coordination (ACC).

ACC submits an annual overview report to the Council (Council resolution 13 (III)), which will provide the Council with a summary of the work carried out by the ACC machinery in 1993.

The Council will have before it the report of the twenty-seventh series of Joint Meetings of the Committee for Programme and Coordination and the Administrative Committee on Coordination, held at Headquarters on 27 October 1993.

Documentation

Report of the Committee for Programme and Coordination on its thirty-fourth session

Annual overview report of the Administrative Committee on Coordination for 1993 (E/1994/19)

Report of the twenty-seventh series of Joint Meetings of the Committee for Programme and Coordination and the Administrative Committee on Coordination held on 27 October 1993 (E/1994/4)

(b) International cooperation in the field of informatics

At its substantive session of 1993, the Council, taking note of the report of the Secretary-General on the subject (E/1993/86), expressed concern at the limited progress achieved thus far; requested that the initial phases of the

action programme to harmonize and improve United Nations informatics systems for optimal utilization and accessibility by all States be implemented from within existing resources, and in full consultation with the representatives of States; and requested the Secretary-General to report to the Council at its substantive session of 1994 on the follow-up action taken on the resolution (resolution 1993/56).

At its forty-eighth session, the General Assembly approved the recommendations and observations of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions as expressed in chapter II of its first report on the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1994-1995 (A/48/7), in which the Committee recommended that the Secretary-General review the current work programme, delivery and progress of the Information Systems Coordination Committee (formerly the Advisory Committee for Coordination of Information Systems), especially its impact on the efficient operation and further development of information systems in the United Nations system, and submit an evaluation report on the Information Systems Coordination Committee to the Economic and Social Council for its review (resolution 48/228).

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the follow-up action taken on Council resolution 1993/56 and on the Information Systems Coordination Committee

(c) Multisectoral collaboration on tobacco or health

At its substantive session of 1993, the Council took note of the report of the Director-General of the World Health Organization on the need for multisectoral collaboration on tobacco or health (E/1993/56, annex); requested the Secretary-General to establish, under the auspices of the World Health Organization and within existing resources, a focal point, within existing institutions of the United Nations system, on the subject of multisectoral collaboration on the economic and social aspects of tobacco production and consumption, taking into particular account the serious health consequences of tobacco use, and to ensure that the work of the focal point begin as soon as possible. It also requested the Secretary-General to report to the Council, at its substantive session of 1994, on progress made by the United Nations system focal point in the implementation of multisectoral collaboration on tobacco or health (resolution 1993/79).

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on progress made in the implementation of multisectoral collaboration on tobacco or health

Item 10. Non-governmental organizations

At its organizational session for 1993, the Council decided to conduct a general review of current arrangements for consultation with non-governmental organizations, as determined by the Economic and Social Council in resolution 1296 (XLIV) of 23 May 1968, and requested the Committee on Non-Governmental

Organizations to consider the modalities for such a review and submit its proposals to the Council at its substantive session of 1993 (decision 1993/214).

At its substantive session of 1993, the Council decided to establish an open-ended working group to review the arrangements for consultation with non-governmental organizations and invited the working group to submit for consideration a progress report to the Economic and Social Council at its substantive session of 1994 and to the General Assembly at its forty-ninth session. The Council also requested the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations at an inter-sessional meeting in 1994 to review the progress report and to transmit its comments to the Economic and Social Council at its substantive session of 1994 and decided to consider the question at its substantive session of 1994 and to make recommendations to the General Assembly with a view to finalizing the general review by 1995, as called for in its decision 1993/214 (resolution 1993/80).

Documentation

Report of the working group to review the arrangements for consultation with non-governmental organizations

Report of the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations on its inter-sessional meeting of 1994

Report of the Joint Inspection Unit brought to the attention of the Council:

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Joint Inspection United entitled "Working with non-governmental organizations: operational activities for development of the United Nations system with non-governmental organizations and Governments at the grass-roots and national levels", and the comments of the Administrative Committee on Coordination thereon (A/49/122-E/1994/44 and Add.1)

Item 11. Coordination of United Nations activities related to HIV/AIDS

At its organizational session for 1994, the Council, having considered the letter dated 31 January 1994 from the Permanent Representative of Norway to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (E/1994/12), decided to include in the provisional agenda for its substantive session of 1994 a supplementary item entitled "Coordination of United Nations activities related to HIV/AIDS", to be considered in the general segment (decision 1994/216).

Item 12. Programme and related questions in the economic, social and related fields

Enhancement of the role and capability of the United Nations Secretariat

At its forty-eighth session, the General Assembly adopted resolution 48/162 on further measures for the restructuring and revitalization of the United Nations in the economic, social and related fields, in which it requested the Secretary-General to make recommendations to the Economic and Social Council at

its substantive session of 1994 on ways and means to enhance the role of the United Nations in the economic, social and related fields, including recommendations on the advantages of establishing a system of integrated reports in the economic, social and related fields.

Proposed revisions to the medium-term plan for the period 1992-1997

The Council will have before it the revisions to the medium-term plan for the period 1992-1997 covering activities in the economic, social and related fields. The Council will examine the revisions in the light of the recommendations of the Committee for Programme and Coordination on the matter (Council resolution 1988/77).

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on ways and means to enhance the role and capabilities of the United Nations Secretariat

Relevant chapters of the proposed revisions to the medium-term plan for the period 1992-1997

Report of the Committee for Programme and Coordination on its thirty-fourth session

Item 13. Question of declaring 1998 international year of the ocean

At its resumed organizational session for 1994, the Council had before it a letter dated 10 February 1994 from the Director-General of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) to the Secretary-General (E/1994/17), to which was annexed resolution 2.5 adopted by the General Conference of UNESCO. In that resolution, the General Conference invited the Director-General to undertake, in consultation with the United Nations, the action required to declare 1998 international year of the ocean. Accordingly, the Council decided to include in the provisional agenda for its substantive session of 1994 a supplementary item entitled "Question of declaring 1998 international year of the ocean" (decision 1994/220).

Documentation

Letter dated 10 February 1994 from the Director-General of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization to the Secretary-General (E/1994/17)

Item 14. Question of declaring 1995 international year to observe the one thousandth anniversary of the Manas Epic

At its resumed organizational session for 1994, the Council had before it a letter dated 22 March 1994 from the Permanent Representative of Kyrgyzstan to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (E/1994/18), containing a request to include in the provisional agenda for its substantive session a supplementary item on the question of declaring 1995 international year of the Manas Epic. In accordance with that request, the Council decided to include in

the provisional agenda of its substantive session of 1994 an item entitled "Question of declaring 1995 international year to observe the one thousandth anniversary of the Manas Epic" (decision 1994/221).

Documentation

Letter dated 22 March 1994 from the Permanent Representative of Kyrgyzstan to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (E/1994/18)